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- (i) an end plate having a perimeter section formed at least in part by a flange section [provided with a series of bolt openings], the end plate having a center section having a shoulder member extending outward from the center section, the shoulder being shaped and sized to fit within the cavity of the tubular member, and
- (ii) a retaining member having a center opening that is shaped and sized fit about the shoulder to securely retain the tubular member to the flanged end plate when the one of the ends of the tubular member is positioned between the shoulder and the retaining member.

2. (Amended) A module [floodwater barrier system] according to claim 1 wherein the flange [flanged] section forms the perimeter of the end cap.

10. (Amended) A floodwater barrier system comprising two or more modules, each module comprising:

- (a) an elongated, flexible tubular member forming a cavity open at opposite ends and having at least one fill opening,
- (b) a first rigid end cap attachable to one of the open ends of the tubular member in a manner to seal the one open end, and
- (c) a second rigid end cap attachable to the other end of the tubular member in a manner to seal the other end, each of the first and second rigid end caps

comprising:

- (i) an end plate having a perimeter section formed at least in part by a flange section provided with a series of bolt openings alignable with corresponding bolt openings in an adjacent end plate of an adjacent tubular member, and having a center section having a shoulder member extending outward from the center section, the shoulder being shaped and sized to fit within the cavity of the tubular member, and
- (ii) a retaining member having a center opening that is shaped and sized to fit about the shoulder to securely retain the tubular member to the flanged end plate when the one of the ends of the tubular member is positioned between the shoulder and the retaining member.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are allowed. The Issue Fee has not been paid. In order to clarify the invention and to correct typographical errors in the allowed claims, it is respectfully requested that that this Amendment be entered and the claims 1,2 and 10 be amended as indicated hereinabove.

The invention relates to a module that can be used to form a floodwater barrier system, as well as other type barrier systems (Claims 1-9). It also relates to a floodwater barrier system constructed using the modules (Claims 10-11). One element of the module is the tubular member. To clarify the definition of the invention claims 1 and 2 have been amended to more clearly indicate that the invention is the module that includes the tubular member. This amendment makes claims